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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING APRIL 18
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BEGIN TEXT:

1. ACCEPTING THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES SECEBTARY
OF STATE, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA MET APRIL
17-18 IN WASHINGTON TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE BEGUN AT THE
CONFERENCE OF TLATELOLCO IN MEXICO EIGHT WEEKS AGO. ATTEND-
ING THIS MEETING WERE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ARGENTINA,
THE BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, BOLVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA,
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COSTA RICA, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR,

GUYANA,HAITI, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF GUATEMALA.

2. THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS CONTINUED IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY AND OPENNESS WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE CONFERENCE OF TLATELOLCO. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THESE MEETINGS CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY. THE TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE: 1. STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE

MONETARY SYSTEM; 2. COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT; 3. TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES; 4. SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL; 5. COERCIVE MEASURES OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE; AND 6. TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS AND POSITIONS ON THE SEVERAL TOPICS COVERED BY THE AGENDA. THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES RESPONDED, STATING UNITED STATES POLICY ON THE RESPECTIVE SUBJECTS AND EXPRESSING THE INTENTION AND DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF TRADE, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA ATTACHED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE STANDSTILL COMMITMENT MADE BY THE UNITED STATES IN CARACAS IN FEBRUARY 1970 AND REAFFIRMED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT TLATELOLCO, AND TO THE URGENCY OF ELIMINATING RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO THE UNITED STATES MARKET FOR PRODUCTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO LATIN AMERICA. THEY STRESSED THAT, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS AND PROMOTE NEW FLOWS OF TRADE FROM LATIN AMERICA TO THE UNITED STATES, AS A MINIMUM, NO NEW IMPORT RESTRICTIONS SHOULD BE APPLIED AND EXISTING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS SHOULD NOT BE EXPANDED.

5. THE SECRETARY OF STATE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES MARKET FOR THE ECONOMIES OF LATIN AMERICA. IN THE NEW SPIRIT GROWING OUT OF THE CONFERENCE OF
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TLATELOLCO, HE EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT OF LATIN AMERICA'S ASPIRATIONS IN THE TRADE FIELD. IN PARTICULAR, HE STRESSED THE INTENTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE FROM ESTABLISHING NEW TRADE RESTRICTIONS. HE REITERATED THE INTEREST OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN ACHIEVING ENACTMENT OF THE PROPOSED TRADE REFORM ACT WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE GENERALIZED PREFERENCES, INCLUDING IN THEM THE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO LATIN AMERICA, AND IN FURTHER LIBERALIZING

THE ACCESS OF LATIN AMERICAN PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES MARKET. SIMILARLY, HE REAFFIRMED THE COMMITMENTS OF HIS GOVERNMENT UNDER RESOLUTION REM 1/70, AND ESPECIALLY STATED HIS AGREEMENT TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA ON THE INCLUSION IN THE GSP OF PRODUCTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR THE AREA BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISIONS- SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF LATIN AMERICA IN REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM.

6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERED FAVORABLY THE VIEWS HELD BY LATIN AMERICA IN THE MATTER OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AS REGARDS NONRECIPROCITY,

DIFFERENTIATED AND MOST FAVORED TREATMENT OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES TOWARD THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO THE HARMONIZATION OF POSITIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE FACT THAT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IS INITIATING EXTENSIVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA TO PROMOTE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE OBJECTIVES.

7. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR DEVELOPMENT. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING THE VOLUME OF REAL RESOURCE
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TRANSFERS TO LATIN AMERICA. THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POLICY OF EXPORT DIVERSIFICATION FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND BELIEVE THAT THIS POLICY SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AS AN ESSENTIAL ASPECT FOR THE PROGRESS OF LATIN AMERICA.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS STRESSED THE NEED TO PROVIDE PREFERENTIAL ATTENTION TO THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, ESPECIALLY THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AND THOSE OF INSUFFICIENT INTERNAL MARKET. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR CONVICTION CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONCESSIONARY LOANS FOR THE FINANCING OF ENTERPRISES AND PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IN THOSE COUNTRIES. THEY FURTHERMORE AGREED ON THE USEFULNESS OF MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL MECHANISMS TO PROVIDE HELP

IN CASES OF EMERGENCY WITH WHICH THEY ARE UNABLE TO COPE
BY THEMSELVES.

9. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSED THE PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC
COERCION AND THE DESIRABILITY OF THEIR ELIMINATION FROM RE-
LATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS WHICH WOULD
CONTRIBUTE IN A POSITIVE MANNER TO A MORE AUTHENTIC SPIRIT
OF COOPERATION. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA AL-
SO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PROPOSALS THAT WOULD TEND TO RE-
STRICT THE ACCESS OF PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO
THE UNITED STATES MARKET.

10. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA REITERATED IN
ITS ENTIRETY THE DECLARATION ADOPTED IN BOGOTA AT THE "CON-
FERENCE OF CHANCELLORS OF LATIN AMERICA FOR CONTINENTAL
COOPERATION" AS REGARDS THE SOLUTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL
QUESTION AND REAFFIRMED IT WITHOUT CHANGE DURING THE COURSE
OF THE NEW DIALOGUE BEGUN AT THE CONFERENCE OF TLATELOLCO.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THE
BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE
IN A POSITIVE TONE AND CONCLUDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH
SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE
NEW DIALOGUE.

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11. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A WORKING
GROUP, CONSISTING OF GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL
OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES, WITH THE MANDATE TO PREPARE
FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NEXT MEETING, A
DOCUMENT THAT WOULD CONTAIN PRINCIPLES TO BE APPLICABLE TO
TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES. THE WORKING GROUP WILL MEET
AT LEAST TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONFER-
ENCE OF BUENOS AIRES WILL CONVENE. IN THE PREPARATION OF
THE DOCUMENT, THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE
-REPORT THAT THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION HAS PREPARED
ON THE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT ARE EMANATING FROM
OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

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